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SUBJECT: CULTURAL/SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGES AGREEMENT

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1. WE ARE AMENABLE TO OMITTING REFERENCE TO NSF IN UMBRELLA AGREEMENT. THEREFORE, WE CONCUR WITH CZECHOSLOVAK SUGGESTION THAT WE ELIMINATE ARTICLE III OF OUR DRAFT. FYI: WE CAN COVER NSF IN IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM. WE WOULD NOT INCLUDE NAS AND IREX IN THE UMBRELLA AGREEMENT SINCE THEY ARE NON-GOVERNMENTAL INSTITUTIONS. END FYI.

2. NSF SENT BACKGROUND MATERIAL TO ING. SLAVA VANEK, FOREIGN RELATIONS OFFICE OF FMTID, IN LATE ,973 WHEN
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POSSIBILITY OF AGREEMENT WAS FIRST DISCUSSED. NSF WOULD

PREFER NOT TO REASSEMBLE INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL AT THIS TIME IF ZEMLA CAN OBTAIN INFO FROM FMTID. WE ARE POUCHING SOME RECENT INFO ON NAS. ZEMLA SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE CSAV FOR ANY FURTHER BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE NAS, WITH WHOM CSAV HAS HAD FUNCTIONING PROGRAM BASED ON 1966 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND SUBSEQUENT RENEWALS.

3. WE SUGGEST ARTICLE 1 OF CZECH DRAFT OF S & T SECTION BE ALTERED TO READ "CONDITIONS FOR THE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL EXCHANGE" RATHER "CONDITIONS FOR THE MUTUAL EXCHANGE."

4. WE ALSO SUGGEST FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS IN ARTICLE 2 OF CZECH DRAFT:

-- INTRODUCTORY PHRASE: "THE CONTRACTING PARTIES SHALL ENCOURAGE COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, IN PARTICULAR:"(WE HAVE NO DIFFICULTIES WITH ZEMLA'S RECOMMENDATION THAT WE USE PHRASE "SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY", WHICH WE IN FACT PREFER TO OUR MORE CUMBERSOME "PURE SCIENCE, APPLIED SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY." IF EMBASSY DEEMS IT APPROPRIATE, YOU MAY INFORM ZEMLA THAT WE WILL AGREE TO HIS SUGGESTION AFTER ALL.)

-- (A) "VISITS, STUDY TRIPS AND CONSULTATIONS AMONG SCIENTISTS AND OTHER SPECIALISTS (WE DO NOT WANT TO TIE OURSELVES IN AGREEMENT TO CZECH DRAFT'S RATHER CRYPTIC "EXCHANGE OF ... SCHOLARSHIPS.")

-- (B) KEEP ZEMLA'S PROPOSED LANGUAGE.

-- (C) OMIT ENTIRELY. WE DEFINITELY DO NOT WANT REFERENCE IN EXCHANGES AGREEMENT TO SUBJECT WHICH IS PRIMARILY THE CONCERN OF PRIVATE INDUSTRY. YOU SHOULD DISSUADE ZEMLA FROM REFERRING TO PATENTS AND LICENSES IN THE AGREEMENT.

-- (D) "JOINT DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS, INCLUDING JOINT RESEARCH, TESTING, AND THE EXCHANGE OF RESEARCH RESULTS
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AND EXPERIENCE;" THIS IS SIMILAR TO THE WORDING WE PROPOSED IN OUR DRAFT ARTICLE II, SECTION 2.

-- (E), (F) AND (G) KEEP ZEMLA'S PROPOSED LANGUAGE.

5. RE "INDIVIDUALS", WE HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH CHANGING THE POSITION OF THE WORD. ZEMLA'S SUGGESTED LANGUAGE ("... ORGANIZATIONS, ENTERPRISES, AND INDIVIDUALS, AS

WELL AS SCIENTISTS, RESEARCHERS AND SPECIALISTS ...") IS
REDUNDANT. WE PROPOSE THAT THE PHRASE READ "... AND
INDIVIDUAL SCIENTISTS, RESEARCHERS ...". ROBINSON

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